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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SEOUL, INFO TOKYO, USUN, MAY 22,
FROM SECSTATE RPTD TO YOU:

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PDEV, MARR, KS, KN

SUBJ: ROKG FOREIGN POLICY CHANGE

REFS: (A) SEOUL 3111 (B) SEOUL 3180

1. YOUR REPORTS ON ROK RECONSIDERATION FOREIGN POLICY HAVE
NATURALLY CREATED CONSIDERABLE AND FAVORABLE REACTION HERE.
WE SHARE WITH YOU SATISFACTION THAT ROK IS AT LAST MOVING
REALISTICALLY TO ADJUST TO NEW REALITIES AND YOUR DESIRE TO
ENCOURAGE THIS TREND. WE BELIEVE ROKG IS REACTING WISELY
TO VOTE AND HOPE THIS PRESAGES GREATER IMPETUS TOWARD
REALISM.

2. WE ANTICIPATE EARLY HIGH- LEVEL REVIEW HERE OF KOREAN
POLICY AND IT WILL BE BOTH IMPORTANT AND USEFUL TO CRANK
INTO THIS REVIEW LATEST ROK THINKING. ONCE THIS REVIEW
COMPLETED, WE EXPECT TO BE IN POSITION TO PLAY BACK INTO
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ROK POLICY CONSIDERATION OUR OWN VIEWS ON THE MORE SPECIFIC ISSUES, SUCH AS FUTURE UN ROLE IN KOREA. IN THE MEANTIME WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD ADOPT CONTINUED LISTENING BRIEF WHILE ENCOURAGING THIS CURRENT TREND AS YOU HAVE DONE. (FYI: EVEN BEFORE WHO VOTE, WE WERE CONCERNED BY VULNERABILITY OF UNCURK. WE EXPECT WHO VOTE TO LEAD TO FURTHER PRESSURES ON UNCURK AS WELL AS MAKE MORE DIFFICULT ACTIONS TO POSTPONE OR EXCLUDE NORTH FROM DEBATE IN UN, ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT YET IN POSITION TO DISCUSS THESE THINGS IN DETAIL. END FYI)

3. AT SAME TIME, WE WOULD ALSO WANT YOUR OWN VIEWS ON HOW FAR ROK CAN BE MOVED TOWARDS ACCEPTING TWO- KOREA POLICY AND INTERFACE WITH ASSURANCES ON US BILATERAL COMMITMENTS TO ROK

4. ALSO FULLY AGREE THAT FOR PRESENT CONSULTATIONS WITH ROK SHOULD BE STRICTLY US BILATERAL. FROM OUR TALKS WITH GOJ HERE, CLEAR THAT THEY EXPECT US- ROK BILATERAL DISCUSSION TO TAKE PLACE IN FIRST INSTANCE. BUT, WE WILL HAVE TO BROADEN CIRCLE IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. RUSH UNQUOTE. PORTER

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